

Director of Training

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Chief, Intelligence Training Division

Report on BIO#7

1. The Seventh Basic Intelligence Course opened on 14 January 1953 and closed on 25 February 1953. Twenty-six trainees completed the course. Four were JOT's.

2. The quality of the trainees was generally good. As a group, they worked well, appeared to be interested in the intelligence profession, and gave evidence on their examinations of having absorbed a great deal from the course. Their final standings are given on the attached list.

3. In content, the course was similar to BIO#6. The two principal changes consisted of introducing a series of talks on various areas of the world and of increasing the amount of project material. The staff felt that the area talks were highly successful and met the criticism voiced by some of the offices that our curriculum neglected the non-Soviet regions of security interest. [redacted] of ONI, Mr. [redacted] of OGI, and Mr. [redacted] of OGI gave presentations on Western Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and the Far East, respectively. The project work was increased by requiring the trainees to do more individual exercises and by conducting additional class and personal critiques of the papers submitted.

4. As a result of the experience of the past course we intend to continue the talks on the non-Soviet areas. We also intend to require the same number of project exercises but to shorten one of them. Several of the trainees felt that the projects were necessitating too much evening and week-end work, and I believe there was some justice in the complaint. I believe we can make an adjustment in this respect without sacrificing anything in the way of training and practice.

5. The critiques written by the trainees at the end of the course are attached. I have appended a note to the critique of Mr. [redacted] (OOD) with whom I had a talk last week.

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